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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

DAYTON L. PARK	Keene
HAROLD O. PIERCE	Walpole
FREDERICK H. INGHAM	Winchester

TREASURER

STAFFORD M. BOARDMAN	Keene

SOLICITOR

HARRY C. LICHMAN, January 1 to July 21	Keene
JOSEPH T. CRISTIANO, July 22 to December 31	Keene

SHERIFF

ARTHUR N .JENNISON, January 1 to February 23	Keene
*FRANK W. WALKER, February 24 to December 31	Keene

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

CHARLES J. CONTAS, January 12 to December 31	Keene

JUDGE OF PROBATE

HARRY C. LICHMAN, January 9 to December 31	Keene

REGISTER OF PROBATE

ESTHER G. BENNETT	Keene

REGISTER OF DEEDS

WINFIELD M. CHAPLIN	Keene

MEDICAL REFEREE

WALTER H. LACEY, M.D.	Keene

COUNTY PHYSICIAN

GEORGES E. PREVOST, M.D.	Keene

SUPERINTENDENT AT COUNTY FARM

EDWARD E. BAKER	Westmoreland

MATRON

ESTHER D. SAWYER	Westmoreland

PHYSICIAN AT MAPLEWOOD HOME AND HOSPITAL

THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, M.D., Oct. 12 to Dec. 31	Troy

AUDITORS

DORIS W. MORGAN	Keene
MICHAEL B. MOYNIHAN	Keene

*Commissioner to perform the duties of County Sheriff.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

RALPH R. WINHAM	Marlow
EDWARD E. BAKER	Westmoreland
MADALYN B. WHITE	Keene
HUBERT O'NEIL	Jaffrey
DON J. WILLIAMS	Keene
JAMES DEE	Keene
WILLIAM J. PRARIO	Troy
ERNEST GOODALL	Rindge
STACEY COLE	Swanzey
DENNIS GRIFFIN	North Walpole
V. RICHARD CHAMBERS	Keene

In Memoriam

Winfield M. Chaplin for his services as Register of Deeds from April 1, 1922 to December 29, 1953.

Winfred C. Burbank for his services as County Commissioner from April 1, 1937 to April 1, 1939 and from April 1, 1941 to December 31, 1952. Deceased May 12, 1953.

Fred A. Ramsay for his services as County Commissioner from April 1, 1924 to December 31, 1950. Deceased December 30, 1953.

MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

NELSON C. BURNHAM	Alstead
WAKEFIELD DORT	Chesterfield
CHARLES R. THOMAS	Dublin
PAULINE H. MAYNARD	Fitzwilliam
*WALTER L. MALONEY	Gilsum
JOHN N. CLARK	Harrisville
†FRANK W. WALKER	Hinsdale
ORSON SMITH	Hinsdale
HOMER J. BELLETETE	Jaffrey
CARL C. SPOFFORD	Jaffrey
CHARLES P. HALEY	Ward 1 Keene
HOWARD W. KIRK	" " "
EDWARD C. SWEENEY, Sr.	" " "
IRENE W. LANDERS	Ward 2 Keene
HOLLAND S. WHEELER	" " "
FRANK J. BENNETT	Ward 3 Keene
CLEON E. HEALD	" " "
LEROY E. CODDING	Ward 4 Keene
FRANCIS F. FAULKNER	" " "
THEODORE S. BARTON	Ward 5 Keene
HUGH F. WALING	" " "
CHARLES E. CARLTON	Marlboro
HARRY E. SHERWIN	Rindge
RALPH A. BLAKE	Swanzey
JOSEPH KERSHAW	Swanzey
FRANKLIN L. LANG	Troy
HAROLD T. KILLEEN	Walpole
E. EVERETT RHODES	Walpole
OSCAR W. BILLINGS	Westmoreland
FREDERICK H. INGHAM	Winchester
ALEXANDER P. THOMPSON	Winchester

*Deceased.
†Resigned.

DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION

ROXIE A. FORBES	Marlow
JANET P. TOLMAN	Nelson
F. RALPH WHITNEY	Richmond
EDWIN B. ELLIS	Roxbury
FANNIE P. FERRIS	Roxbury
WILLIAM F. LANE	Stoddard
GARDNER C. TURNER	Sullivan
A. HAROLD KENDALL	Surry

CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

Concord, N. H.
Jan. 14, 1953

Cheshire County delegation met in the House gallery at 10:30 a.m.

The organization meeting was called to order by Chairman Bennett of Keene.

Election of officers were in order and the following were elected. Joseph Kershaw of Swanzey, Chairman, Franklin L. Lang of Troy, Clerk. Members in attendance were Burnham, Thomas, Maynard, Maloney, Clark, Walker, Belletete, Spofford, Kirk, Sweeney, Landers, Wheeler, Bennett, Heald, Codding, Faulkner, Barton, Carlton, Sherwin, Blake, Kershaw, Lang, Killeen, Rhodes, Billings, Ingham and Thompson. The executive committee will be named at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk

A true copy: attest

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk

Concord, N. H.
Jan. 15, 1953

Chairman Kershaw appointed to the executive committee the following:

Harry E. Sherwin of Rindge, Chairman
Francis F. Faulkner of Keene
John N. Clark of Harrisville, Chairman and Clerk (Ex-Officio).

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk

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Concord, N. H.
Jan. 25, 1953

Chairman Kershaw appointed to the Long Range committee the following.

Harold T. Killeen, Walpole, Chairman
Irene W. Landers, Keene
Charles R. Thomas, Dublin
Cleon E. Heald, Keene
Charles E. Carlton, Marlboro
Wakefield Dort, Chesterfield
Nelson C. Burnham, Alstead
Alexander Thompson, Winchester

INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Carl C. Spofford, Jaffrey, Chairman
Pauline H. Maynard, Fitzwilliam
Theodore S. Barton, Keene
Leroy S. Codding, Keene
Charles P. Haley, Keene
Walter L. Maloney, Gilsum
Oscar W. Billings, Westmoreland

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk

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BUDGET FOR 1953

Public Hearing on County Budget was held at the Court House, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1953 at 2 P.M.

The following members and delegates were present:

Burnham, Dort, Thomas, Maynard, Walker, Spofford, Barton, Kirk, Haley, Landers, Sweeney, Heald, Waling, Codding, Faulkner, Sherwin, Blake, Kershaw, Rhodes, Billings, Ingham, Thompson, Lane, Kendall.

The items Salaries a-f and Expenses a-d were discussed.

Att'nys. Lane and Bradley spoke on question of securing photostatic equipment for the Register of Deeds. It was voted that Chairman appoint a Committee to investigate and report at next meeting.

Miss Bennett spoke on appropriation for Register of Probate.

Mr. Jennison spoke on appropriation for Sheriff Dept.

Commissioners Pierce and Ingham spoke on Public Welfare items.

Supt. Baker spoke on County Farm equipment.

Mr. Dussault and Mr. Dort discussed Reforestation.

Mr. Coll spoke on appropriation for County Extension Service.

Commissioner Pierce explained the items "Inside" Painting of Court House and repairs to driveway and parking area.

Mr. Jennison, Mr. Walker and Solicitor Lichman explained the question of new radio equipment for Sheriff Dept.

Commissioner Pierce discussed the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for Construction, Reconstruction or Acquisition of Buildings.

Commissioner Pierce explained the item Miscellaneous and State Retirement assessment.

Mayor Pickett and Mrs. Charles Haley talked on needs of Elliot Community Hospital.

Chairman declared a five minute recess at 3:25.

Chairman Kershaw appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee

Sherwin, Faulkner, Clark.

Inspection Committee

Spofford, Barton, Haley, Billings, Maynard, Codding, Maloney.

Long Range Committee

Killeen, Thomas, Carlton, Burnham, Landers, Heald, Dort, Thompson.

Photostatic Committee

Faulkner, Thompson, Burnham.

The Chairman informed the Delegation that Dr. Young has extended an invitation for them to visit Keene Teachers College. It was voted to meet at the College Saturday, March 7th. Chairman to notify members of time.

It was voted to meet at County Farm for inspection and Budget Meeting, Feb. 28 at 10 A.M.

Meeting adjourned,

(Mrs.) PAULINE H. MAYNARD, Acting Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION COUNTY FARM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1953

Meeting called to order 1 P.M. Chairman Joseph W. Kershaw, presided. Following in attendance listed:

Wakefield Dort, Charles R. Thomas, Pauline H. Maynard, John N. Clark, Frank W. Walker, Carl C. Spofford, Charles P. Haley, Howark W. Kirk, Edward C. Sweeney, Holland S. Wheeler, Frank J. Bennett, Cleon E. Heald, Francis F. Faulkner, Theodore C. Barton, Hugh F. Waling, Harry E. Sherwin, Ralph A. Blake, Joseph W. Kershaw, E. Everett Rhodes, Frederick H. Ingham, Alexander P. Thompson, Janet P. Tolman, William F. Lane, Harold Kendall.

Each printed item of the mimeographed budget submitted by the County Commissioners was debated and the following approvals were voted. First name listed "maker of motion," second name listed "seconded motion."

Thomas	Barton	Salaries a to f, proposed for 1953:	
		(a) Commissioners	$4,500
		(b) Treasurer	400
		(c) Auditors	200
		(d) Solicitor	1,500
		(e) Medical Referee	500
		(f) Sheriff	1,500
Blake	Wheeler	Expenses a to d, proposed for 1953:	
		(a) Above officers	6,750
		(b) Register of Deeds	1,815
		(c) Register of Probate	2,035
		(d) Sheriff Department	5,575
Thomas	Bennett	Care and supplies of Court House	5,000
Kendall	Wheeler	Expenses Superior Court	31,000
Thomas	Clark	Expenses County Farm (out)	86,000
Thomas	Rhodes	Expenses Jail (out)	1,500

Waling	Dort	Poor off farm	5,000
Thomas	Haley	Old Age	3,500
Waling	Wheeler	Board & Care of children	17,000
Spofford	Faulkner	Soldiers Aid	1,500
Thomas	Wheeler	Welfare Adm. expenses	3,700
Wheeler	Spofford	Int. on temporary loans	500
Blake	Wheeler	Construction County Farm	8,500
Haley	Dort	Reforestation County Farm	600
Heald	Rhodes	Inside painting, Court House	3,200
Thomas	Haley	Repair driveway and parking area	515
Thompson	Barton	Radio equipment, Sheriff's Dept.	2,600
Waling	Blake	It was voted to adopt provisions of Chap. 160 of the Laws 1943 as amended by Chap. 35 Laws 1945 & Chap. 8 Laws 1947 in establishing a	
Thomas	Blake	Capital Reserve Fund of $6,000 for Construction, Reconstruction or Acquisition of buildings, the $6,000 to be supplied from Surplus Funds	6,000
Thomas	Haley	Miscellaneous payments	1,000
Waling	Blake	State Retirement	1,500
Heald	Haley	County Extension Service	11,500
Haley	Barton	Elliot Community Hospital (increase)	3,000
Thomas	Waling	Voted that the sum of $50,000 be deducted from the amounts raised in the budget, said sum to be composed of income from departments and surplus. The remainder of the budget to be raised by taxation.	

Messrs. Thomas and Wheeler proposed that the special committee appointed to investigate photostatic equipment for Register of Deeds report to delegation before May 1st.

HARRY E. SHERWIN,
Acting Clerk.

Adjourned 3 p.m.

Concord, N. H.
April 29, 1953

The delegation met in executive session in room 307 State House at 11 A.M. with Chairman Kershaw presiding, with the following members present. Burnham, Maynard, Maloney, Clark, Belletete, Spofford, Kirk, Sweeney, Bennett, Heald, Codding, Faulkner, Barton, Waling, Sherwin, Kershaw, Blake, Lang, Killeen, Rhodes and Billings.

The delegation took up House Bill No. 314. An act relating to County appropriation in aid of the Elliot Hospital in Keene. Mr. Burnham and Mr. Killeen spoke against the bill. Mr. Killeen made a motion that House Bill No. 314 be reported Inexpedient to Legislate. Mr. Waling and Mr. Barton spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Billings spoke against the bill. Mr. Bennett asked for information regarding the

bill, which was answered by Chairman Kershaw. Mr. Rhodes spoke against the bill. Mr. Burnham spoke to support the motion pending. Mr. Blake opposed the motion pending. Mr. Heald and Mr. Codding spoke on the bill. Mr. Killeen moved the previous question. A roll call was ordered. Members voting against the bill are Burnham, Maynard, Maloney, Clark, Belletete, Spofford, Bennett, Heald, Codding, Faulkner, Sherwin, Lang, Killeen, Rhodes, Billings. Absentee members voting against the bill are Landers,, Thompson. Voting for the bill are Kirk, Sweeney, Barton, Waling, Blake. Absentee members voting for the bill, Haley. Passed Kershaw.

The bill was defeated 17-6.

Mr. Faulkner on committee, made a report regarding the County purchase of a photostating machine, to photostate the records of the Registry of Deeds, and Registry of Probate. A very interesting report was made by Mr. Faulkner. A motion by Mr. Bennett that a vote of thanks be given the Committee for their splendid work, and that the matter be laid on the table until a future date.

A motion by Mr. Killeen, and properly seconded that the meeting adjourn at 11 A.M.

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

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FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

Keene, N. H.
July 29, 1953

The executive committee of the County delegation met at the Court House at 3:30 P.M. with the chairman, Mr. Sherwin of Rindge, M. Faulkner of Keene, and Mr. Clark of Harrisville present. Also Mr. Kershaw of Swanzey, chairman of County delegation and Mr. Lang of Troy, Clerk (ex-officio). The County Commissioners also attended.

A discussion on an enlarged parking space on the Court House grounds took place. A discussion on the need of a rubber mat strip in the corridor of the Court House followed. A lengthy discussion took place as to the feasibility of a record system as to know if the County Farm is operating at a profit or at a loss. A motion by Mr. Kershaw and seconded by Mr. Faulkner that a rubber mat strip be layed on the floor of the corridor at the Court House, and that the cost be used from any surplus of the Court House appropriations. A motion by Mr. Faulkner, and seconded by Mr. Clark: That the request of the commissioners for an appropriation of $300.00 in addition to the $515.00 already appropriated to widen the parking area at the Court House 20 feet be denied

subject to the commissioners submitting for the committee's approval a plan indicating the lines for parking spaces and the locations of entrance, and exit points. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6 P.M.

FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

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FRANKLIN L. LANG, Clerk.

REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the Public Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, your Commissioners are presenting herewith their annual report of the year ending December 31, 1953. Included are the reports of the County Treasurer, Solicitor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Superintendent of County Farm, Master of the House of Correction, and County Auditors.

During the year ending December 31, 1953, redecorating the Court House, painting the inside, laying linoleum on Court Room floor, installing new shades, converting store room off Jury Chamber, into an office room now occupied by the Probation Department, installing signs for direction to different offices, were the major improvements made in the Court House.

7000 spruce saplings have been set out at the Farm to begin the reforestation program. Repairs at the County Farm are included in the Superintendent's report.

Costs in the Welfare Department have exceeded the appropriation, because of an increase in the number of cases and cost of board and clothing. The cost of Old Age Assistance was more than anticipated because of a larger number of cases being in convalescent homes and the increase from $8 to $11 per person for the State Medical Pool under OAA.

It has been necessary to add ten small children to our board and care list this year for the following reasons. In one family of four children the father was committed to the State Hospital, and in another, where there were two boys, the father deserted his family and his whereabouts are unknown. The mother in each case was judged unfit to bring up her children, by the Court. In another family of six children, the mother was committed to the State Hospital. Two of these children were committed to the Laconia State School upon recommendation of the Mental Hygiene Clinic and the other four are being boarded in foster homes by the County.

In all of these cases the parents paying in something toward the support of their children.

Clothing for the children boarded has been a big item this year and of course expense of medical care, dentistry and glasses has to be taken care of. We are still boarding two girls who are seniors in High School who wished to finish and who have worked some during vacations. It is expected they will be self-supporting as soon as they graduate.

Our Welfare Visitor has spent a great deal of time transporting children to homes, to clinics, doctors, and in securing suitable clothing for them. Many persons have been assisted by her in applying for their benefits either thru Social Security, unemployment compensation, Blue Cross, aid in Cancer cases thru the Cancer Commission, and other forms of insurance. Others have been assisted to receive aid from towns, cities or other counties where they had a settlement. Many children in Welfare families have been recommended for free hot lunches at school.

Plans were made for all County Welfare children to receive Christmas gifts and dinners which were supplied by local organizations and charities. Also on request, a suggested list was made out of needy families for Thanksgiving dinners. Confidential information following investigation, has been furnished on many clients to the State Hospital, Laconia State School, County and State offices, as well as local overseers and selectmen.

The County has taken on two cases this year for a new form of Aid, namely Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled persons (APTD) and recently two more applications have been made. The County has to pay 35% of the total grant allowed.

The Commissioners wish to express their appreciation to Superintendent, Mr. Baker, and Matron, Mrs. Sawyer, County and Town officials in helping with County affairs. We extend an invitation to the citizens of Cheshire County to visit and inspect the institution at Westmoreland.

Respectfully submitted,
DAYTON L. PARK,
HAROLD O. PIERCE,
FREDERICK H. INGHAM,
County Commissioners

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand		$30,671 94
Capital Reserve Fund		6,000 00
Accounts due the County:		
(a) County Farm receipts including board and care	$2,176 50	
(b) Petty cash at Co. Farm	200 00	
(c) Miscellaneous	824 09	
		3,200 59
Total assets		$39,872 53

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the County:		
Chargeable to County Farm	$99 03	
Chargeable to other accounts	25 35	
Capital Reserve Fund	6,000 00	
Balance of appropriation for reforestation	396 00	
Appropriation for Court House parking area	515 00	
		7,035 38
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)		$32,837 15

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
Taxes from towns and city	$161,890 00
Income from Institution:	
County Farm and hospital	36,236 53
Reimbursements of expenditures for support of poor, etc.	1,015 21
Reimbursements for board and care of children	5,024 20
Total current revenue receipts	$204,165 94

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans during year		50,000 00
Surry Flood Land		340 50
Miscellaneous refunds		546 65
Total receipts from all sources		$255,053 09
Cash on hand at beginning of year		50,425 47
		$305,478 56

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
1. Salaries of		
(a) Commissioners	$4,500 00	
(b) Treasurer	400 00	
(c) Auditors	200 00	
(d) Solicitor	665 32	
(e) Medical Referee	278 90	
(f) Sheriff	1,397 32	
		$7,441 54
2. Expenses of		
(a) Above officers excepting Sheriff	6,636 51	
(b) Register of Deeds	1,625 55	
(c) Register of Probate	2,067 94	
(d) Sheriff Department	4,801 10	
		15,131 10
3. Care and supplies, Court House		6,216 52
Superior Court:		
4. Jury Payrolls	5,879 55	
5. State vs—payrolls	8,191 58	
6. Referees and Masters	1,095 00	
7. Counsel Fees	757 04	
8. Stenographer, etc.	4,337 42	
9. Clerk of Superior Court	7,039 00	
10. Sheriff and Deputies	2,921 20	
		$30,220 79
Public Welfare:		
11. County Farm, almshouse, hospital, jail	90,657 26	
12. Board of prisoners, Keene & Manchester	1,939 91	

13.	Support of poor not at Co. Farm	5,181 74	
14.	Old Age Assistance	4,212 69	
15.	Board and care children	19,661 18	
16.	Soldiers' Aid	333 94	
17.	Aid to Totally Disabled	312 55	
18.	Investigator, salary & expense	3,744 61	
			126,043 88
Total current maintenance expenses			$185,053 83
All other payments:			
19.	Interest on notes		370 66
20.	Court House, inside painting		3,135 00
21.	County Farm, new equipment and construction		10,011 06
22.	Reforestation, Co. Farm		204 00
23.	New transmitter, Sheriff Dept.		2,574 04
24.	Payment of temporary loans		50,000 00
25.	County Extension Service		11,500 00
26.	Employees' Retirement		1,841 22
27.	Elliot Community Hospital		3,000 00
28.	Surry Flood Land		340 50
29.	Capital Reserve Fund		6,000 00
30.	Miscellaneous		
	Printing County reports	360 91	
	Delegation & Ex. Committee	299 20	
	Juvenile Court	69 00	
	Walpole Road hearing	35 20	
	Treasurer's bond, Capital Reserve	12 00	
			776 31
Total payments for all purposes			$274,806 62
Cash on hand at end of year			30,671 94
			$305,478 56

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	Value
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House, lot and furnishings	$70,000 00
(c) County Farm and buildings	130,000 00
(d) Wood lot	300 00
(e) Land near B. & M. tracks	100 00
Total valuation	$200,400 00

RECAPITULATION FOR 1952 AND 1953

	1952	1953
Salaries	$8,100 00	$7,162 64
Medical referee	185 15	278 90
Expense of County Officers	6,505 60	6,636 51
Register of Deeds	6,063 55	1,625 55
Register of Probate	3,991 55	2,067 94
Sheriff Department	5,470 79	4,801 10
Care and supplies for Court House	5,057 00	6,216 52
Court Expenses	28,076 86	30,220 79
Almshouse & Jail, County Farm	85,051 85	90,657 26
Board of Prisoners	1,252 87	1,939 91
Outside Poor	4,972 98	5,181 74
Old Age Assistance	3,107 23	4,212 69
Board and care Children	16,773 79	19,661 18
Soldiers' Aid	1,274 01	333 94
Aid to Totally Disabled		312 55
Investigator, salary and expenses	3,725 54	3,744 61
County Extension Service	10,500 00	11,500 00
Elliot Community Hospital	2,000 00	3,000 00
Repairs and new equipment, Co. Farm	10,215 83	10,011 06
Reforestation, Co. Farm		204 00
Court House, inside painting		3,135 00
New Transmitter, Sheriff Dept.		2,574 04
Retirement of County employees	796 99	1,841 22
Notes and interest	50,198 62	50,370 66
Surry Flood land	357 75	340 50
Capital Reserve Fund		6,000 00
Miscellaneous	905 95	776 31
	$254,583 91	$274,806 62

PUBLIC WELFARE

a. Support of Paupers off County Farm

Keene	$2,015 29	
Dublin	15 00	
Fitzwilliam	362 97	
Gilsum	477 39	
Harrisville	10 00	
Hinsdale	262 72	
Jaffrey	210 75	
Marlboro	330 00	
Sullivan	134 00	
Swanzey	253 03	
Troy	44 65	
Walpole	360 77	
Westmoreland	198 00	
Winchester	507 17	
		$5,181 74

b. Support of Children

Alstead	$1,250 10	
Chesterfield	204 57	
Dublin	232 21	
Harrisville	455 10	
Hinsdale	872 59	
Jaffrey	1,006 22	
Marlboro	1,859 27	
Swanzey	840 00	
Troy	404 69	
Walpole	593 60	
Westmoreland	436 65	
Winchester	281 00	
Keene	11,225 18	
		$19,661 18

c. Old Age Assistance

Keene	$1,268 46
Chesterfield	454 68
Dublin	160 50
Jaffrey	139 69
Marlow	68 34
Rindge	5 63

Sullivan	77 25	
Surry	149 57	
Swanzey	895 94	
Winchester	992 63	
		$4,212 69

d. **Soldiers Aid**

Keene	$105 55	
Hinsdale	77 20	
Jaffrey	62 50	
Swanzey	59 37	
Troy	29 32	
		$333 94

RELIEF EXTENDED TO COUNTY CHARGES

January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954

	Regular Relief	Dependent Soldiers	Board & Care Children
January	$310 51		$1,586 89
February	557 67	$93 60	1,693 24
March	326 59	2 50	1,745 12
April	259 11		1,726 37
May	552 30	16 50	1,546 36
June	326 58	10 11	1,301 82
July	481 07		1,484 11
August	459 43	28 28	1,563 73
September	246 05	54 69	1,790 80
October	655 48	6 10	1,765 81
November	517 00	59 67	1,763 79
December	478 50	143 74	1,983 06
	$5,170 29	$415 19	$19,951 10

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Receipts	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
County officers, salaries					
Commissioners	$4,500 00	$4,500 00			
Treasurer	400 00	400 00			
Auditors	200 00	200 00			
Solicitor	1,500 00	665 32		$834 68	
Medical referee	500 00	278 90		221 10	
Sheriff	1,500 00	1,397 32		102 68	
County Officers' expenses ex. Sheriff	6,750 00	6,636 51		113 49	
Register of Deeds	1,815 00	1,625 55		189 45	
Register of Probate	2,035 00	2,067 94			$32 94
Sheriff Department	5,575 00	4,801 10	$1 00	774 90	
Care and supplies, Court House	6,547 00*	6,216 52	30 00	360 48	
Superior Court	31,000 00	30,220 79	126 15	905 36	
County Farm	86,000 00	90,657 26	6,236 53†	1,579 27	
Board of prisoners	1,500 00	1,939 91			439 91
Support of Poor off Farm	5,000 00	5,181 74	701 53	519 79	
Old Age Assistance	3,500 00	4,212 69	169 93		542 76
Board and Care of Children	17,000 00	19,661 18	2,024 20†		636 98
Soldiers' Aid	1,500 00	333 94	143 75	1,309 81	
Aid to Totally Disabled		312 55			312 55
Welfare visitor, salary and expenses	3,700 00	3,744 61	3 00		41 61
Interest on notes	500 00	370 66		129 34	
Court House, inside painting	3,200 00	3,135 00		65 00	
Court House, parking area	515 00			515 00	

County Farm, Repairs and new equipment	11,586 29*	10,011 06	386 50	1,961 73	
Reforestation	600 00	204 00		396 00	
New Transmitter, Sheriff Dept.	2,600 00	2,574 04		25 96	
County Extension Service	11,500 00	11,500 00			
Employees' Retirement	1,500 00	1,841 22			341 22
Elliot Community Hospital	3,000 00	3,000 00			
Miscellaneous	1,000 00	776 31		223 69	
	$216,523 29	$218,466 12	$9,822 59	$10,227 73	$2,347 97

*Including balance carried over from last year.
†In excess of amount budgeted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1953.

RECEIPTS

Taxes from Towns and City of Keene

Alstead	$2,779 65	
Chesterfield	4,591 20	
Dublin	5,865 27	
Fitzwilliam	3,639 29	
Gilsum	866 11	
Harrisville	3,657 10	
Hinsdale	9,514 28	
Jaffrey	12,512 48	
Keene	69,434 62	
Marlborough	4,447 12	
Marlow	1,060 38	
Nelson	1,664 23	
Richmond	998 86	
Rindge	3,716 99	
Roxbury	441 96	
Stoddard	1,628 61	
Sullivan	733 36	
Surry	892 01	
Swanzey	7,553 79	
Troy	4,931 17	
Walpole	11,500 67	
Westmoreland	2,156 37	
Winchester	7,304 48	
		$161,890 00

Income from Institutions:

County Farm and Hospital	$36,236 53	
Reimbursement of expenditures for support of poor, etc.	1,015 21	
Reimbursement for board & care of children	5,024 20	
		$42,275 94

Receipts other than current Revenue:		
Temporary loan during year	50,000 00	
Surry Flood Lands	340 50	
Miscellaneous refunds	546 65	50,887 15
Total Receipts from all sources		$255,053 15
Cash on hand January 1, 1953		50,425 47
		$305,478 56

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	$28,789 16	
Superior Court	30,220 79	
Board and care of prisoners	1,939 91	
County Farm expenditures	90,657 26	
Direct relief	5,181 74	
Old age assistance	4,212 69	
Other charitable expenses	24,052 28	
Other Expenses	16,681 72	
Construction and equipment	15,924 10	
Miscellaneous expense	776 31	
Note payment with interest	50,370 66	
Capital Reserve Fund	6,000 00	274,806 62
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		30,671 94
		$305,478 56

STAFFORD M. BOARDMAN,
Treasurer of the County of Cheshire

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Cheshire County
Period Ending Dec. 31, 1953

COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	$50,425 47	
Receipts for year ending Dec. 31, 1953	255,053 09	
		$305,478 56
Payments for year ending Dec. 31, 1953	$274,806 62	
Balance at end of year, as per cash book		$30,671 94
Balance in Keene National Bank Dec. 31, 1953	$38,556 42	
Less outstanding orders as of Dec. 31, 1953	7,884 48	
Reconciled Bank Balance at end of year		$30,671 94

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	$200 00
Total receipts for year ending Dec. 31, 1953	36,236 53
Total remittances to County Treasurer for year	$36,236 53
Balance on hand at end of period	200 00

INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	none
Outstanding Long Term Notes	none
Outstanding Bonds	none
Bills Owed by County	$124 38
County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	none

Signed
D. W. MORGAN,
M. B. MOYNIHAN,
County Auditors

Jan. 14, 1954

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Cheshire County:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report.

The past year has gone rather quickly at the County Farm. Our population has been fairly even and we had fewer deaths than usual. Also no serious outbreaks of sickness. We feel that we were fortunate in having the services of Doctors from the Keene Clinic following the death of Dr. Stevens. At this time we would like to express our appreciation of their willingness to come up here until such time as we were able to secure a regular physician. We would extend a welcome to Doctor O'Connor and our thanks for his services.

The appearance of the hospital building is much improved by our new floor coverings. They are much easier to keep clean. The old linoleums were so worn that it was impossible to keep them looking well. The new linen closet was much needed. The filing cabinet will be a big help in the office.

The slate roofs were repaired on the hospital building, the main building, the women's building and the small men's building. This was beginning to be a serious situation and was a real necessity, as was the new roof on the boiler house. There was considerable wind damage on the barn roof and also on the farm cottage that had to be fixed.

I am glad to report my satisfaction with the paint job on the house and barn at the Willard Bill place. I hope that during the coming year we can get the rest of the buildings here at the institution painted.

Both driveways have been black-topped, the north driveway coming around the cottage and meeting the black top in the back yard, also going to the north door of the women's building. The interior of the farm cottage was repainted and papered and a new linoleum put on the kitchen floor; also rubber tile installed in the bath room in the women's building.

I am also glad to report that the septic tank which was found necessary for the hospital building so late in the season, was finished and seems to be functioning properly.

The dry summer hurt our hay crop, especially the second cutting. Due to the shortage of help last spring we did not try to grow any husking corn. We did have a good crop of ensilage corn. The garden as a whole did well in spite of the dry weather and we had a very good supply of vegetables to put in the cellar for winter use.

Mr. Nowlan continues as our Chaplain with a service every month as does Mr. and Mrs. Cousins and their group from the Branch Road in Roxbury. Mr. Saarion from Harrisville has made several calls especially on our Finnish population. We certainly appreciate the efforts of all who have helped in the Spiritual life of the institution.

Our thanks to the Catholic Daughters, the Emblem Club, Saint Joseph's School, the Roger Rangers and the Community League for their help at Christmas, and to the Ladies Aid of Westmoreland and to our neighbors and friends who have thought of us and given of their efforts during the year.

We wish to convey to you our thanks for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD E. BAKER,
Superintendent
ESTHER D. SAWYER,
Matron

INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD FARM
For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Farm equipment, shop and plumbing supplies	$10,000 00
Boilerhouse, laundry and well equipment	7,700 00
Hospital equipment and supplies	4,750 00
Freezer plant	5,000 00
Furniture and house supplies	10,500 00
Groceries and supplies	4,000 00
Wood and coal	9,000 00
Horses	250 00
Livestock	15,000 00
Farm produce	5,000 00
Sawed lumber	200 00
Hay, grain and ensilage	4,000 00
	$75,400 00
Decrease in inventory	300 00

INVENTORY OF COUNTY FARM PROPERTY

County Farm and buildings	$130,000 00
Personal property at farm	75,400 00
Land near B. & M. tracks	100 00
Wood lot, Chesterfield	300 00
	$205,800 00

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

	1953	
Board paid by City and Towns:		
Alstead	$127 50	
Harrisville	746 04	
Jaffrey	670 00	
Keene	8,418 01	
Marlow	351 82	
Richmond	1,063 90	
Stoddard	232 00	
Swanzey	188 00	
Troy	990 95	
Walpole	1,157 12	
Winchester	2,878 25	
		$16,823 59
Board of private patients		7,668 66
Rent of Leach lot		120 00
Refund on 1952 Taxes		265 00
Miscellaneous		194 45
Total		$25,071 70
Sale of farm products:		
Dairy	$7,666 08	
Cattle and stock	411 02	
Pigs	1,841 50	
Poultry and eggs	672 33	
Miscellaneous	573 90	
		11,164 83
		$36,,236 53

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

House of Correction:	
Labor	$3,732 00
Other expenses	357 22

Farming:	
Seeds and fertilizer	1,380 06
Labor	5,256 88
Supplies	3,759 13
Repairs	1,265 37
Other	17 50
Livestock	
Feed	13,595 53
Labor	2,851 50
Supplies	247 03
Other expenses	1,040 25
Operation and Maintenance of Plant:	
Labor	15,100 70
Provisions	9,912 36
Supplies	6,006 89
Repairs	2,002 86
Clothing	1,810 59
Fuel, light, power, etc.	9,826 16
Insurance, taxes and other	4,694 56
Hospital	7,800 67
	$90,657 26

PER CAPITA COST OF INMATES AT COUNTY FARM INCLUDING HOUSE OF CORRECTION

	No. Weeks	Days
Almshouse	2,748	
House of Correction	647	5
	3,395	5
Town boarders	762	1
Private boarders	471	6
	1,234	

Total County Farm expenditures	$90,657 26
Inventory of personal property at beginning of year	75,700 00
Accounts payable at end of year	99 03
Accounts for board receivable at beginning of year	2,234 99
	$168,691 28

Cash receipts for Farm		
From boarders	$24,492 25	
From other sources	11,744 28	
		$36,236 53

Inventory of personal property at end of year	75,400 00
Accounts payable at beginning of year	71 85
Accounts for board receivable at end of year	2,176 50
	$113,884 88
Balance against Farm	54,806 40

Per capita cost per week of all inmates but excluding employees and guests, $16 20.

AN ESTIMATE OF PRODUCE USED FROM THE FARM

29,616 quarts milk @ 17½c	$5,182 80
1,647 quarts cream @ $1.12	1,844 64
9,000 pounds pork @ 30c	2,700 00
7,400 pounds beef @ 30c	2,220 00
800 pounds veal @ 30c	240 00
50 bushel beets @ $1.75	87 50
50 bushel turnip @ $1.80	90 00
70 bushel carrots @ $2.00	140 00
550 bushel potatoes @ $1.57	863 50
1 ton squash	40 00
40 bushel onions @ $1.50	60 00
40 bushel string beans @ $3.50	140 00
5 bushel shell beans @ $3.50	17 50
100 bushel tomatoes @ $3.00	300 00
10 bushel cucumbers @ $3.00	30 00
25 bushel peas @ $4.00	100 00
25 bushel summer squash @ $1.75	41 75
4 bushel broccoli @ $2.50	10 00
5 bushel peppers @ $2.50	12 50
40 bushel greens @ $1.50	60 00
300 bushel sweet corn @ $1.20	360 00
1000 pounds cabbage @ 4c	40 00
50 head cauliflower @ 30c	15 00
10 bushel lettuce @ $2.50	25 00
3000 pounds chicken @ 40c	1,200 00
3000 doz. eggs @ 55c	1,550 00
30 gal. maple syrup @ $4.75	142 75
50 cord wood @ $15.00	750 00

STOCK ON FARM DECEMBER 31, 1953

2 Horses
34 Cows
15 Heifers
16 Steers, over one year
35 Hog kine
20 Calves under one year

INMATES AT FARM JANUARY 1, 1954

Abbott, Edward
Avery, Frances
Bergeron, Alphonse
Biron, Arthur
Bixby, Walter
Bragg, Ralph
Britton, Bertha
Carbonneau, Alex
Clement, Fred
Connors, Harry
Dalton, Harold
Desilets, Gerald
Dion, Eva
Deering, Laura
Dayon, Charles
Driscoll, Katherine
Durand, Katherine
Desolier, Albert
Flagg, Warren
Frazier, Nellie
Gokey, Frederick
Gilman, Henry
Guyette, Joseph
Hamlin, Emma
Howard, George
Knight, Wilber
Leware, Nelson
Leary, Ann
Longever, Isaac
Mackey, John
MacDurfey, Arthur
Moore, Elizabeth
Muzzy, Ethel
O'Neil, William
Pelky, Ernest
Reil, William
Sage, Ernest
Stalker, John
Sweeney, Harold
Sullivan, Martin
Thrasher, Bertha
Whitney, Bertha
Whitney, William
Walsh, James
Wilson, Erwin
Wood, Peter

DEATHS

Date	Name	Age
March 16	Eva Norcross Jackson	74
April 29	Joe Varnish	65

Record of Inmates at Cheshire County Almshouse from Jan. 1, 1953 to Jan. 1, 1954

Name	Yr. of Birth	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Abbott, Edward	1856	5-1-52	Keene		American	365	Keene
Anderson, Mary	1949	4-30-52	Hinsdale	2-19-53	"	50	County
Avery, Frances	1891	4-1-51	Keene		"	365	"
Avery, Ruth	1935	5-25-53	Springfield, M.	5-26-53	"	2	"
Bergeron, Alphonse	1909	10-30-53	Keene		"	63	"
Biron, Arthur	1878	9-1-51	Winchester		Canadian	365	Winchester
Bixby, Walter	1898	2-9-53	Keene	7-6-53	American	142	Keene
" "		8-11-53	"		"	143	"
Bragg, Ralph	1890	7-1-52	Claremont		"	365	Winchester
Bowman, Julia	1886	11-5-51	Dublin	7-21-53	"	203	County
Britton, Bertha	1898	3-17-17	Keene		"	365	"
Carbonneau, Alex	1865	6-18-39	Westmoreland		Canadian	365	"
Clement, Fred	1891	6-9-27	Keene		American	365	"
Connors, Harry	1898	1-29-53	"		"	337	Keene
Dalton, Harold	1905	4-2-53	"	11-12-53	"	225	"
" "		12-8-53	"		"	25	"
Desilets, Gerald	1939	12-28-53	Westmoreland		"	4	County
Dion, Eva	1888	6-4-51	Harrisville		"	365	Harrisville
Deering, Laura	1864	8-7-33	Marlboro		"	365	County
Dayon, Charles	1872	12-10-34	Keene		"	365	"
Driscoll, Katherine	1881	2-14-35	"		"	365	"
Durand, Katherine	1869	6-1-50	"		Irish	365	"
Desolier, Albert	1897	6-22-52	Troy		American	365	"
Flagg, Warren	1881	9-8-42	Fitzwilliam		American	365	County
Frazier, Nellie	1877	2-19-53	Troy		"	316	Troy
Gokey, Frederick	1913	10-2-53	Keene		"	91	County
Guyette, Joseph	1871	6-3-53	"		"	212	Keene
Guilbault, Marion	1938	5-21-53	"	5-22-53	"	2	"
" "		12-17-53	"	12-18-53	"	2	"

RECORD OF INMATES AT CHESHIRE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE FROM JAN. 1, 1953 TO JAN. 1, 1954

Name	Yr. of Birth	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Guilbault, Philip	1941	5-31-53	Keene	8-27-53	American	100	County
Gilman, Henry	1871	7-12-53	Dublin		Canadian	191	"
" "		1-14-53	"	6-28-53	"	161	"
Hamlin, Emma	1897	3-27-42	Keene		American	365	"
Howard, George	1865	4-26-46	Swanzey		"	365	"
Howard, Harriet	unk.	2-22-53	Keene	3-24-53	"	31	Alstead
Knight, Wilber	1865	9-17-45	"		"	365	County
Lang, Ernest	1875	2-7-53	"	10-28-53	"	264	Richmond
Leware, Nelson	1872	7-15-01	"		"	365	County
Leary, Ann	1887	11-19-49	"		"	365	"
Longever, Isaac	1899	12-11-53	"		"	21	"
Mackey, John	1884	12-1-53	"		Finnish	31	"
MacDurfey, Mar.	1936	4-17-53	"	6-24-53	American	69	"
" Arthur	1900	9-30-53	Walpole		"	93	Walpole
Moore, Elizabeth	1866	8-20-44	Jaffrey		Canadian	365	County
Muzzy, Ethel	1887	9-21-48	"		American	365	County & Jaffrey
Norcross, Eva (Jackson)	1879	9-24-45	Sullivan	3-16-53	"	75	County
O'Neil, William	1896	10-6-53	Keene		"	87	Stoddard
Pelky, Ernest	1903	6-10-51	"	8-13-53	"	225	Keene
" "		8-29-53	"		"	115	"
Pickalo, Gena	1882	5-22-53	Keene	6-10-53	Russian	20	County
Reil, William	1878	6-27-49	"	5-16-53	Irish	136	"
" "		6-12-53	Westmoreland		"	203	"
Sage, Ernest	1894	9-22-52	Keene		Canadian	365	Keene
Stalker, John	1885	12-9-47	Richmond		American	365	County
Stack, Francis	1902	11-4-52	Walpole	6-11-53	"	182	Walpole
Sweeney, Harold	1901	8-16-51	Keene		"	365	Keene & County
Sullivan, Martin	1874	10-1-49	"		"	365	County

RECORD OF INMATES AT CHESHIRE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE FROM JAN. 1, 1953 TO JAN. 1, 1954

Name	Yr. of Birth	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Thrasher, Bertha	1895	2-26-53	Concord	6-1-53	American	152	County
" "		6-7-53	Keene		"	208	"
Varnish, Joe	1888	10-30-52	Troy	4-29-53	Austrian	119	Troy
Whitney, Bertha	1904	6-5-22	Keene		American	365	County
" William	1883	6-7-37	"		"	365	"
Walsh, James	1900	2-3-52	Westmoreland	1-20-53	"	20	Walpole
" "		5-1-53	Concord		"	245	"
Wilson, Erwin	1881	11-5-46	Keene		"	365	County
Wood, Peter	1873	10-2-44	Keene		"	365	"
Yardley, Herbert	1871	4-12-53	Swanzey	5-27-53	"	48	Swanzey

REPORT OF MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen: I hereby submit my report as Master of the House of Correction for year ending December 31, 1953.

The following is a summary of the prisoners committed and discharged during the year:

Number of prisoners January 1, 1953	16
Number of prisoners committed	120
Number of prisoners absconded	1
Number of prisoners discharged	119
Number of prisoners January 1, 1954	16

Of the above, 49 were committed for intoxication, 7 for vagrancy, 7 for assault, 6 held for court, 1 held for sheriff, 17 for non-support, 3 for larceny, 4 driving while under the influence, 4 for driving without license, 2 for letting person drive car without license, 1 for burglary, 1 attempted defraud, 5 disorderly, 2 illegal possession of wild game, 1 for prostitution, 1 for fornication, 5 for stealing, 1 for bad check and 3 for disturbing the peace.

Respectfully,
EDWARD E. BAKER,
Master

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction
From January 1, 1953, to January 1, 1954

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Anderson, Walter	48	1-2-53	Keene	1-28-53	American	28	Drunk
Beck, Victor	66	11-14-53	"	11-19-53	"	6	"
" "		12-15-53	"		"	17	"
Brackett, Raymond	49	4-8-53	"	6-1-53	"	55	Attempt defraud
Brown, Percy	64	8-1-53	Walpole	8-27-53	"	27	Vagrant
Brandt, Enoch	49	6-3-53	Keene	6-29-53	"	27	Drunk
Burnham, James	23	10-14-52	"	1-12-53	"	12	Assault
" Charles	25	8-17-53	"	9-12-53	"	27	"
Bingham, Lester	46	1-14-53	"	1-17-53	"	4	DWI
Benware, Cecil	21	4-7-53	Westmoreland	4-15-53	"	9	Ill. poss. wild game
Burnett, Floyd	39	3-24-53	Keene	4-20-53	"	28	Drunk
Canton, Edward	73	1-12-53	"	2-7-53	"	27	"
" "		2-18-53	"	3-15-53	"	26	"
" "		9-14 53	"	9-19-53	"	6	"
" "	74	10-28-53	"	11-2-53	"	6	"
" "		11-13-53	"	12-9-53	"	27	"
Cheever, Donald	25	11-18-53	"		"	44	Non-Support
Chase, Verne	27	4-3-53	"	7-3-53	"	92	" "
Connors, Frank	44	10-9-52	"	1-13-53	"	13	Larceny
Chamberlain, Ruth	26	6-2-53	"	6-28-53	"	27	Prostitution
Chapin, Ruth	41	7-23-53	"	8-21-53	"	30	Drunk
Cripps, James	46	9-9-53	"		"	114	DWL
Crawford, Stanley	31	12-17-52	"	5-28-53	"	148	Non-Support
" "	32	8-27-53	"		"	127	" "
Currier, Paul	31	7-10-53	Winchester	7-12-53	"	3	DWI
Croteau, Wilmer	39	10-28-53	Keene	10-29-53	"	2	Non-Support
Cushing, Earl	40	4-12-53	"	4-12-53	"	1	Held for Court

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction
From January 1, 1953, to January 1, 1954

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Dailley, Thomas	55	4-6-53	Keene	4-7-53	Scotch	2	Drunk
Derosier, Bernard	45	9-21-53	"	11-13-53	American	54	DWL
Dupuies, Fred	57	4-7-53	"	4-14-53	"	8	Ill. poss. wild game
Duncan, Nelson Jr.	23	7-28-53	"	8-24-53	"	28	Assault
Debell, Arthur Jr.	21	5-23-53	"	6-25-53	"	34	Stealing
" Harry	20	9-14-53	"	11-6-53	"	54	Assault
Edwards, Paul	54	11-17-52	"	1-7-53	"	7	Drunk
Fleming, Chester	35	1-9-53	"	1-9-53	"	1	Held for Sh.
Flynn, James	43	9-9-53	"		"	114	DWL
Frink, Norman	44	8-21-53	"	9-16-53	"	27	Non-support
Fredette, John	37	8-22-53	Jaffrey	8-27-53	"	6	Stealing
Galway, John	45	8-11-52	Walpole	2-10-53	"	41	Drunk
" "	47	12-4-53	"		"	28	"
Gould, Wm.	41	11-16-53	Winchester		"	46	Assault
Hardwick, Joseph	45	1-31-53	Keene	2-3-53	Canadian	4	Non-support
Hausman, Robert	29	12-5-52	"	3-4-53	American	63	Drunk
Hebert, Gerard	30	4-14-53	"	5-10-53	"	27	Disorderly
Howard, Prennie	47	11-6-53	"	12-29-53	"	55	DWI
Hytainen, Oscar	67	12-6-53	"	2-24-53	Finnish	55	Drunk
" "	68	2-25-53	"	4-19-53	"	54	"
" "		8-6-53	"	9-4-53	"	30	Vagrant
Hussy, James	64	12-22-53	"		American	10	Drunk
Jacobs, John	39	10-23-52	"	4-4-53	"	94	Bad check
" "	40	10-2-53	"		"	91	Stealing
Jantti, Ralph	29	11-21-52	"	1-14-53	"	14	Drunk
" "		2-25-53	"	4-19-53	"	23	"
" "		4-25-53	"	4-30-53	"	6	"

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction
From January 1, 1953, to January 1, 1954

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Jantti, Ralph		5-22-53	Keene	5-27-53	American	6	Drunk
" "	31	12-18-53	"		"	14	"
Jackson, James	48	7-15-53	"	8-10-53	"	27	Disorderly
Johnson, Arthur	38	12-31-52	"	1-6-53	"	6	Assault
Juvenile	16	7-11-53	"	7-23-53	"	13	Held for Court
"	17	8-20-53	"	10-20-53	"	62	" " "
Jones, John	83	6-4-53	"	7-27-53	"	54	Disturb peace
Kuja, Ralph	42	11-18-53	"	11-20-53	"	3	HSC
Koski, Richard	39	2-2-53	"	6-16-53	"	135	Burglary
Kukkanen, Fred	68	3-17-53	"	4-12-53	Finnish	27	Vagrant
Lucas, Leo	59	5-18-53	Winchester	6-14-53	American	28	Disorderly
Lund, Kenneth	32	12-29-52	Jaffrey	4-3-53	"	93	Assault
McCollester, Ernest	37	6-20-53	Keene	9-15-53	"	88	Disorderly
Mann, Kenneth	20	12-2-52	"	1-25-53	"	25	Larceny
" "		8-26-53	"	10-19-53	"	55	Non-support
" "	21	11-27-53	"		"	35	" "
McDougall, Raym.	21	3-18-53	"	3-23-53	"	6	Letting person Dr. car without L.
McManus, Marty	76	1-10-53	"	2-5-53	"	27	Drunk
" "	77	11-30-53	"		"	32	"
Mullaney, Patrick	52	7-13-53	"	9-7-53	"	56	"
Moran, Frank	64	10-2-53	"	11-24-53	"	54	"
Nooks, Lewis	42	12-22-52	"	1-17-53	"	17	Vagrant
" "		11-24-53	Walpole	12-20-53	"	178	Drunk
Ojala, Yyo	53	6-26-53	Jaffrey	12-7-53	Finnish	165	Hab. Disturbance
Perkins, Guy	52	2-26-53	Keene	3-24-53	American	27	Drunk
Petroscik, Nick	61	1-26-53	"	2-21-53	German	27	"

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction
From January 1, 1953, to January 1, 1954

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Patch, Parker	47	10-24-53	Hinsdale	10-26-53	American	3	Held for Court
Picard, Alphee	63	12-5-53	Keene	12-31-53	Canadian	27	Drunk
Paronen, Waino	38	3-16-53	"	4-11-53	American	27	DWI
Principe, Joseph	45	2-9-53	Hinsdale	2-10-53	"	2	Held for Court
Reed, Carrell	42	11-8-52	Keene	4-22-53	"	112	Non-support
" "	44	7-14-53	"		"	171	" "
Reil, Wm.	74	5-16-53	"	6-12-53	Irish	28	Drunk
Saari, Henry	30	3-18-53	"	4-13-53	American	27	"
" "		6-2-53	"	6-28-53	"	27	"
" "		7-7-53	"	7-17-53	"	11	"
" "		7-22-53	"	8-17-53	"	27	"
Sullivan, Joseph	44	1-26-53	"	2-14-53	"	20	Disturbance
" "		2-18-53	"	3-16-53	"	27	Drunk
" "		3-18-53	"	4-13-53	"	27	"
" "		5-18-53	"	6-16-53	"	30	"
Stone, Annie	36	12-29-52	"	1-24-53	"	24	"
" "		4-14-53	"	5-10-53	"	27	Fornication
" "		6-1-53	"	6-27-53	"	27	Intoxication
Smith, Lewis	24	5-23-53	"	6-18-53	"	27	Non-support
Speckman, Robert	24	10-25-53	"	10-30-53	"	6	" "
Smith, Frank	47	9-14 53	"	9-19-53	"	6	Vagrant
Sweeney, Albert	31	6-6-53	"	7-29-53	"	54	Non-support
Valliant, Russell	37	11-22-52	"	5-21-53	"	141	Larceny
" "		5-21-53	"	11-6-53	"	169	Stealing
" "	38	11-19-53	"		"	43	Drunk
Vinson, Walter	46	7-6-53	"	7-17-53	"	12	Vagrant
Vorce, Windsor	29	10-24-52	"	1-12-53	"	12	Non-support

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction
From January 1, 1953, to January 1, 1954

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Treadway, Carl	49	7-15-53	Keene	8-10-53	American	27	Drunk
Weeks, Edward Jr.	23	12-14-53	"		"	18	Non-support
Ward, James	53	5-16-53	"	5-21-53	"	6	Drunk
Ward, Forest	21	6-16-53	"	7-12-53	"	27	Disorderly
Whitemore, Phillip	18	3-18-53	"	3-23-53	"	6	DWL
Wheeler, Ernest	35	8-1-53	"	10-20-53	"	81	Non-support
Wheeler, Harold	49	2-9-53	"	2-19-53	"	11	Drunk
" "		7-27-53	"	8-22-53	"	27	Vagrant
" "		8-31-53	"	11-19-53	"	81	Drunk
" "		12-30-53	"		"	2	"
Woods, Walter	53	3-18-53	"	3-27-53	"	10	"
Whitney, Norman	26	9-18-53	"	10-14-53	"	27	Stealing
Wilson, Donald	39	8-22-53	Jaffrey	9-6-53	"	16	Let person op. car without L.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

CLERK'S COURT ACCOUNT

From January 1, 1953 to January 21, 1953

	Cr.	Dr.
To allowance for Clerk and clerical hire		$369 82
To charges to County:		
Return of 6 divorces, etc.		90
1 capias		1 00
To cash paid out:		
Postage & incidentals		1 05
By credits:		
Sale of 1 docket	$1 50	
26 entries @ $.90	23 40	
Items "chargeable to County"	1 90	
Drawn on County Treasurer:		
January 21, 1953	345 97	
	$372 77	$372 77

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Acting Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Acting Clerk, through January 21, 1953.

February 3, 1953

DENNIS E. SULLIVAN,
Presiding Justice

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk.

CLERK'S COURT ACCOUNT

From January 22, 1953 to January 31, 1953

	Cr.	Dr.
To allowance for Clerk and clerical hire		$165 06
To charges to County:		
Return of 2 divorces		30
3 capii		3 00

To cash paid out:		
Postage & incidentals		74
By credits:		
10 entries @ $.90	$9 00	
Items "chargeable to County"	3 30	
Drawn on County Treasurer:		
To January 31, 1953	156 80	
	$169 10	$169 10

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through January 31, 1953.

February 10, 1953

DENNIS E. SULLIVAN,
Presiding Justice

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk.

CLERK'S COURT ACCOUNT

February Term 1953

	Cr.	Dr.
To allowance for Clerk and clerical hire		$3,610 52
To recording—permanent records		298 50
To charges to County:		
Return of 55 divorces, etc.		8 25
4 mittimus		4 00
17 capias		17 00
Entry fees—11 state cases incl. #2445 @ 30c		3 30
Entry fees—2 equity cases re psychopaths #5040 @ 30c—#5088 @ $2.50		2 80
To cash paid out:		
Postage & incidentals		10 83
Motor Vehicle Dept. fines		410 00
Fish & Game Dept. fines		300 00
By credits:		
Costs received	$100 00	
Fines received	155 00	
Motor Vehicle Dept. fines received	410 00	
Fish & Game Dept. fines received	300 00	
Sale of 28 dockets @ $2.00	56 00	
185 entries @ 90c and 93 entries @ $2.50	399 00	

155 civil including No. 8609			
113 equity including No. 5097			
7 appeals			
3 sessions including No. 236			
Items "chargeable to County"		35 00	
Miscellaneous credits		1 20	
Other fees for benefit of County		7 50	
Drawn on County Treasurer:			
February 28, 1953	$467 82		
March 31, 1953	477 57		
April 30, 1953	500 00		
May 31, 1953	443 94		
June 30, 1953	459 15		
July 31, 1953	496 47		
August 31, 1953	356 20	3,201 15	
		$4,665 20	$4,665 20

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through August 31, 1953.

September 4, 1953

JOHN H. LEAHY,
Presiding Justice

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk.

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

I submit herewith my report as Solicitor for the period from January 1, 1953, through July 15, 1953, which is the date of my resignation.

Below is a list of the cases, which includes all the cases, involving felonies and misdemeanors which were disposed of at the February, 1953, term of the Superior Court.

FELONIES

STATE VS. KATHERINE PARENTEAU

Waiver of Indictment. Passing Forged Instrument. Plea: Nolo. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. CHARLES T. BOSELY

Indictment. Reckless Driving, Death Resulting. Plea: Guilty. Respondent fined $300 and placed on probation for three years.

STATE VS. HAZEL V. JOHNSON

Indictment. Accessory to Attempted Burglary. Respondent at Large. Bail forfeited by order of the Court.

STATE VS. FRED E. CANTERBURY

Indictment. Attempted Statutory Rape. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than three years and not less than two years. Committed.

STATE VS. RICHARD O. KOSKI

Indictment. Burglary. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to House of Correction for a term of five months. Committed.

STATE VS. CHESTER W. FLEMING

Indictment. Statutory Rape. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than five years and not less than two years. Committed.

STATE VS. ARTHUR L. JOHNSON

Indictment. Aggravated Assault. Plea: Nolo. Continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for one year.

STATE VS. ROGER LOWELL

Indictment. Non-Support. Nolle prosequi. This matter disposed of on Complaint and Warrant in Keene Municipal Court.

STATE VS. RAYMOND H. BRACKETT

Waiver of Indictment. Obtaining Money by False Pretenses. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to House of Correction for a period of sixty days. Committed.

STATE VS. HAROLD L. BUCKLEY, SR.

Waiver of Indictment. Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than two years and not less than one year and a day. Committed.

APPEALS

STATE VS. ROBERT L. HOWARD

Speeding. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Nolo. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. RALPH L. CASTOR

Failing to Keep to the Right. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Nolo. Respondent fined $10.

STATE VS. STANLEY GAINSKI

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Respondent fined $100.

STATE VS. DORIS MOUSLEY

Malicious Damage to Property. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial. Verdict: Not Guilty.

STATE VS. FRANK H. DAY, JR.

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial. Verdict: Not Guilty.

STATE VS. RAFFELA ANN CAMPOBASSO

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Jaffrey Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial. Verdict: Not Guilty.

STATE VS. STANLEY GAINSKI

Information. Driving While Intoxicated. Plea: Guilty. Respondent fined $100, and a sentence of thirty days to House of Correction suspended.

STATE V. HERBERT E. HARRIS

Waiver of Indictment. Information by County Solicitor. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for two years.

STATE V. LEON S. GORDON

Waiver of Indictment. Information by County Solicitor. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to State Prison for a term of not more than two years and not less than 1 year and 1 day. Committed.

CIVIL

IN RE: CHARLES L. DAVIES

Respondent committed to State Hospital pursuant to Chapter 314 of the Laws of 1949.

STATE ON COMPLAINT OF WINFRED BURBANK VS. VERNE LORETTE

Stipulation for decree filed and approved by the Court.

The submission of this report is my last official act as County Solicitor. I have felt it to be a great privilege to serve, and I am very grateful to the citizens of Cheshire County whose confidence in my ability has enabled me to serve since 1947; and I likewise take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the County Commissioners for the many courtesies rendered, and to the State Police, the Keene Police Department and to the Attorney General's Office in Concord for the splendid assistance and cooperation rendered to me during the time that I held the office of County Solicitor.

Very respectfully submitted,
HARRY C. LICHMAN,
Solicitor for the County of Cheshire

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

I submit herewith my report as Solicitor for Cheshire County for the period July 15th, 1953 through December 31st, 1953. This report includes a list of all cases involving felonies and misdemeanors appealed to the Superior Court which were processed through my office.

FELONIES

STATE VS. WARREN I. GILLETTE

Indictment. Obtaining Goods Under False Pretenses. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to six months in Manchester Jail. Committed.

STATE VS. HERBERT E. HOPKINS

Bigamy. Indictment waived. Plea of Nolo entered. Respondent found Not Guilty.

STATE VS. DONALD C. PROVENCHER

Indictment. Grand Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Respondent placed on probation for three years.

STATE VS. HAROLD W. HALEY

Indictment. Grand Larceny. Case still pending.

STATE VS. FRANCIS LaROSE

Indictment. Robbery. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent placed on probation for a period of one year.

STATE VS. ERNEST C. LETELLIER

Indictment waived. Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Plea of Guilty entered. Respondent placed on probation for a period of one year.

STATE VS. WILLIAM B. HUARD

Indictment waived. Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Plea of Guilty entered. Respondent placed on probation for a period of one year.

STATE VS. ALBERT J. GAUDETTE

Indictment waived. Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Plea of Guilty entered. Respondent placed on probation for a period of one year.

STATE VS. JOHN FREDETTE

Indictment. Grand Larceny. Plea: Nolo. Respondent ordered to make restitution in the amount of $15.00.

STATE VS. ALLAN ADAMS

Indictment. Grand Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to thirty days in the House of Correction. Sentence suspended.

STATE VS. JOHN A. GIBBS

Indictment waived. Enticing Away a Female Child. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to not less than one year and one day or more than two years in State Prison. Committed.

STATE VS. WILLIAM L. RAYMOND

Indictment waived. Statutory Rape. Plea: Guilty. Respondent placed on probation for a period of one year.

STATE VS. JOHN F. JACOBS

Indictment waived. Breaking, Entering and Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to one year in Cheshire County Jail. Committed.

STATE VS. EDWARD J. GRATTO

Indictment waived. Attempted Fraud. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to six months in Manchester Jail. Committed.

STATE VS. WALTER LEROY PERHAM

Indictment waived. Forgery. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

APPEALS

STATE VS. CHARLES W. BARRUS

Failing to Keep to the Right of the Solid Painted Line. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Nol Prossed.

STATE VS. THEODORE P. FERGUSON, JR.

Assault. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Nolo. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. ROLAND C. PRATT, JR.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Guilty. Respondent fined $25.00.

STATE VS. HAROLD G. LAMB

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial. Verdict: Not Guilty.

STATE VS. WILFRED S. PELLERIN

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Trial. Verdict: Guilty. Respondent fined $100.00.

STATE VS. CHESTER HOWARD, JR.

Assault. Appealed from Keene Municipal Court. Plea: Guilty. Respondent sentenced to sixty days in the House of Correction. Sentence suspended.

STATE VS. DR. LEO A. YOUNG

Driving While Intoxicated. Appealed from Jaffrey Municipal Court. Plea: Not Guilty. Respondent waived trial in Superior Court. Verdict: Guilty. Fined $100.00. Respondent appealed case to the Supreme Court but did not prosecute his appeal. Paid his fine of $100.00.

CIVIL

STATE VS. $117.75 (Forfeiture Libel)

Forfeiture decreed. $117.75 decreed to the use of County of Cheshire.

STATE VS. LOUAINE CAMPBELL, JR.

Respondent committed to department of mental hygiene pursuant to Chapter 314 of the Laws of 1949.

STATE ON COMPLAINT OF WINFRED BURBANK VS. VERN C. LORETTE

Contempt petition dismissed.

This is my first report since I assumed the duties of County Solicitor on July 15, 1953.

In addition to the matters noted above, my office processed a variety of items for the County Commissioners, the Public Welfare and various Municipal Courts throughout the County.

Since my appointment as County Solicitor, I particularly notice the fine cooperation which exists between the various law enforcement agencies in our County. I refer specifically

to the Sheriff's department, the State Police, the Keene Police department and all other law officers throughout Cheshire County. This cooperative effort exhibited by our various law enforcement agencies is a very healthy condition in Cheshire County and its continuance will, I am sure, do much toward reducing criminal violations and also better law enforcement.

I take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Cheshire County Commissioners and to the Attorney General's office for their guidance and helpfulness during my brief stay in office.

Very respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH T. CRISTIANO,
County Solicitor

SHERIFF'S REPORT 1953

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Voters of Cheshire County.

As Commissioner to Perform the Duties of Sheriff, I am presenting herewith a brief summary of the accomplished by the Sheriff's Department of your County Government from January 1st, 1953 to December 31st, 1953.

The following is a list of cases on which investigations have been made since January 1st, 1953.

Larceny		25
Larceny by Check		2
B. E. & L.		40
Assault		6
Investigation of Fires		4
Malicious Damage to Property		15
Non-support		51
Investigation of sudden deaths:		
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	
Suicides	6	
Heart	4	
Drowning	1	
Burned by Fire	2	
Killed by Tractor	1	
Died from Exposure	1	
	19	
Juvenile Respondents		11
Patients to State Hospital		12
Lost Persons		3
Missing Girls		1

Sex Crimes:		
Rape	2	
Unnatural Act	2	
Lewd and Lascivious	4	
	8	
Contempt Capias		9
Violation of Employment of Security Laws		1
Concealing Mortgage Property		1
Disorderly Person		3
Robbery		3
Failing to Pay Compensation Unemployment		1
Fugitive from Justice		3
Escapees		3
Selling Mortgaged Property		1
Assault on a Minor Child		1
Complaints of a minor nature		107

The following is an account of expenses for the February Term of Superior Court, 1953.

Commissioner Frank W. Walker		
Attendance to Court 58 days @ $10.00	$580 00	
Mileage 12 days 40 mi. per day @ $4.00 (Hinsdale, Keene and return)	48 00	
Mileage 46 days 2 mi. per day @ 20c	9 20	
One meal per day 12 days @ $1.00	12 00	
Paid Rev. Johnson N. Armitstead, services as chaplain	5 00	
		$654 20
Deputy Sheriff Ralph Winham		
Attendance to Court 27 days @ $10.00	$270 00	
Mileage, 27 days @ $3.20	86 40	
One meal per day, 25 days @ $1.00 (2 days out for Jury dinners)	25 00	
		$381 40
Deputy Sheriff Don Williams		
Attendance to Court 4 days @ $10.00	$40 00	
Mileage 2 miles per day 4 days @ 20c	80	
		$40 80
Deputy Sheriff William J. Prario		
Attendance to Court 1 day @ $10.00	$10 00	
Mileage, 1 day 20 mi. @ 20c, $2.00	2 00	
		$12 00

Deputy Sheriff James Dee		
Attendance to Court 4 days @ $10.00	$40 00	
Mileage, 4 days 2 mi. @ 20c, 80c	80	
		$40 80
Deputy Sheriff V. Richard Chambers		
Attendance to Court 2 days @ $10.00	$20 00	
Mileage 2 days 2 mi. @ 20c	40	
		$20 40
Total		$1,149 60

The following is an account of expenses for the September Term of Superior Court, 1953.

Commissioner Frank W. Walker		
Attendance to Court 54 days @ $10.00	$540 00	
Mileage 54 days @ 20c	10 80	
Paid Rev. Orrin L. Kosmo, services as chaplain	5 00	
		$555 80
Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Attendance to Court 33 days @ $10.00	$330 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day @ $3.20, 32 days (one night Court)	102 40	
One meal per day 28 days @ $1.00 (5 days out for Jury dinners)	28 00	
		$460 40
Deputy Sheriff Don J. Williams		
Attendance to Court 7 days @ $10.00	$70 00	
Mileage 2 mi. per day @ 20c	1 40	
		$71 40
Deputy Sheriff Stacey Cole		
Attendance to Court 3 days @ $10.00	$30 00	
Mileage 12 mi. per day @ 20c	3 60	
One meal per day 3 days @ $1.00	3 00	
		$36 60

Deputy Sheriff Dennis Griffin		
Attendance to Court 3 days @ $10.00	$30 00	
Mileage 48 mi. per day @ $4.80	14 40	
One meal per day 3 days @ $1.00	3 00	
		$47 70
Deputy Sheriff Richard Chambers		
Attendance to Court 12 days @ $10.00	$120 00	
Mileage 4 mi. per day @ 40c	4 80	
		$124 00
Total		$1,295 90

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK W. WALKER,
Commissioner to Perform the Duties of Sheriff